



# Department Report

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Report Title: Public Works—January 2025

Name and Title: Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer

Recently Completed:

- Installation of Bears on the Square.



- Resurfacing of Timberlane Drive.



- Planting of the north square Maples in preparation for the February 20 Arbor Day celebration. These will replace the Sycamores that were removed last year and were generously donated by the Mihok family.



- Emergency repair of West Main water main break. This repair occurred in below freezing weather with virtually the entire Distribution/Collection team working in wet conditions throughout the day. In the photo below, Brance Grizzle works in the excavated pit. He spent most of that time in waist deep water.



- Planting of 4 new cherry trees at Wimpy Mill Picnic Area in cooperation with the Dahlonega Rotary.





Ongoing:

- The standard day-to-day operations by our Streets/Park/Cemeteries Department, Solid Waste team and Water Distribution/Sewer Collection guys. Please don't forget this dedicated group of men, many of whom arrive as early as 5:00AM and work in all kinds of conditions. They also frequently work late into the evening, regularly on weekends and are on-call at all hours. Due to the difficulty and discomfort of all of these positions, employee turnover results in vacancies that are covered by the department supervisors and short-handed employee groups. The beauty of our city, the near flawless delivery of city-provided utilities and the day-in/day-out removal of solid waste is an incredibly difficult task. It requires long hours of hard work and sacrifice and the Public Works guys make it look easy.
- Park Street Utilities Project.

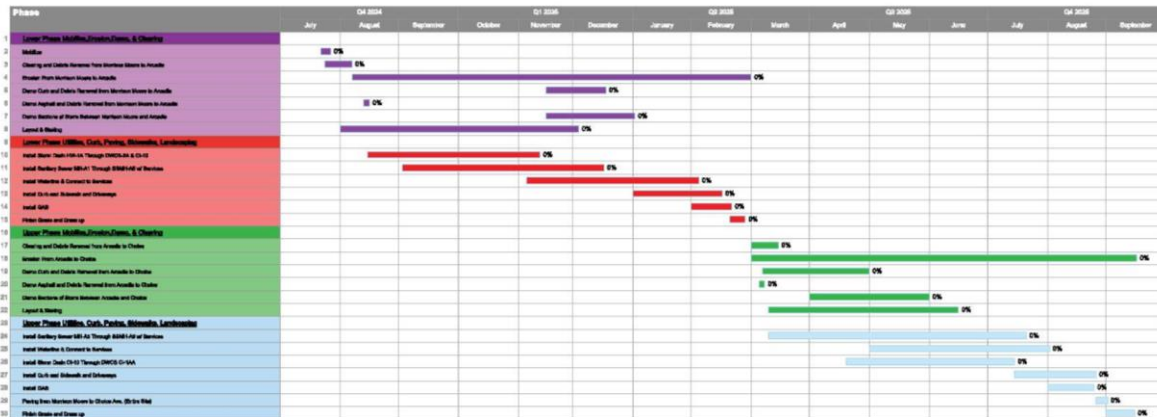




**PARK STREET UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

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- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk. Notice of Award has been provided to Strickland Pipeline. Groundbreaking will occur soon.



- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing. Georgia DOT is conducting the preliminary design of the Yahoola bridge near this location. Staff are also coordinating with them to ensure a seamless transition between these two neighboring projects.
- Design and bid services for Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive. Plans are currently under review by GDOT.

Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- Installation of 3 solar-powered speed alert signs.
- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- North Grove Phase 2 sidewalk construction.